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SHORTAGE OF POWER IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) : whether there is acute shortage of power in Bihar;

(b) : if so, the steps Government have taken to remove the shortage of power in the State during the current year; and

(c) : the steps taken by the N.H.P.C., N.T.P.C. and the power Grid Corporation in association with the State Government to overcome the shortage of power?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : There is no shortage of power in the Eastern Region of which Bihar is a constituent. Details of power supply position prevailing in the State of Bihar during 1999-2000 are as under :-

Requirement	:	8912 MU
Availability	:	8348 MU
Shortage	:	564 MU
(%)	:	(6.3%)

The State of Bihar has been experiencing energy shortage primarily due to constraints in its transmission and distribution system and inability to meet full payment obligations of NTPC and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited for availing requisite quantum of central sector power to meet their full requirement.

Powergrid Corporation of India Limited has undertaken many projects for strengthening of Eastern Regional Powergrid including strengthening of power system in Bihar.